(b) The helicopter had flown 66.25 hours by 7th March, 1987. The wet-lease charges for this helicopter upto February, 1987 come to Rs. 19,54,935 approximately.

Duty free shops at International Airports in the country

2602. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up duty free shops at the international airport terminals in the country;

(b) whether the proposals have not been accepted by the Ministry of Finance;

(c) if so, what were the main objections raised by the Ministry of Finance in setting up duty free shops at international airport terminals in the country; and

(d) whether final decision has been taken in this regard; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Improvement in telephone service

2503. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Seventh Five Year Plan for Communication is yet to be finalised and if so, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(b) whether the Seventh Five Year Plan for Communication will ensure that telephone service is improved since we are using the best technology and machines leaving manpower to be improved through training and motivation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission has allocated Rs. 4010 crores for telecom. services for the 7th Plan based on which the plan describing physical targets has been finalised. The use of modern technology and programmes such as replacement of life expired equipment, ducting for cables etc are expected to improve the services to the extent feasible in this limited allocation.

Conference of telecommunications mission

2504. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will he Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a conference on the telecommunication mission was held in New Delhi recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the conference arrived at the conclusion that the tele-communication system in the country is poorly maintained and is most unreliable, and

(c) if so, what steps the conference has proposed to streamline the telecommunication system in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. A National Conference of Telecommunication Mission was held at New Delhi on 3rd and 4th February, 1987.

(b) and (c) The discussion in the conference was mainly aimed at

ways and means to improve the telecomunications services. However, it was felt that the system requires considerable improvement. The conference gave a number of broad suggestions in several key areas like organisation, simplification of procedures for customers services, policies motivation to staff comuterisation improving the working of existing equipment and introduction of new technologies etc.

Construction of youth hostels

2505. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased o state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct additional youth hostels in the country to improve tourism.

(b) if so, what is the number of such hostels likely to be constructed during the next financial year;

(c) what are the details of the sites selected for the same; and

(d) what amount of funds collected for the purpose of during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(d) Rs. 20.00 crores.

Statement

The youth hostels are likely to be constructed during the next financial year at the following place:—

S.No.	Place	State
1	Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh
2	Naharlagun	Arunachal Pradesh
3	Goleghat	Assam
4	Guwahati	Do.
5	Nagaon	Do.
6	Kurukshetra	Haryana
7	Hassan	Karnataka
8	Ernakulam	Kerala
9	Calicut	Do.
10	Tura	Meghalaya
11	Aizawl	Mizoram
12	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
13	Gopalpur-on-sea	Do.
14	Madurai	Tamil Nadu
15	Tirunelveli	Do.
16	Agartala	Tripura